

That there is grievous mismanagement in the last-mentioned system somewhere, is abundantly evident. The gradual falling off of the income from land-sales during the last fifteen years strongly confirms the sweeping charges of Mr. Julian. In 1831, the Government received an annual income of something over \$3,000,000. In 1865, that amount had increased

riches; and that this money was to be managed by the  
Richard B. Sweeney, controller. "That Mr. Tweed  
will still allow," he continued, "that Mr. Tweed  
commenced modestly. The property that he ob-  
tained he purchased for \$30,000, and turned it over  
to his wife. Not long afterward we had him well  
enough to 'raise' property worth hundreds of thou-  
sands of dollars, and it must not be forgotten that he  
the owner of considerable real estate in Westchester  
County, and elsewhere for aught I know. His  
stocks and bonds, and that he is a director in the  
Eric Railway Company, and has an interest in the  
company with Jim Fisk, is notorious. It was said to  
a few days ago, that the 'boys' at Albany were  
satisfied because Tweed was 'getting all.' I guess  
that is true, including Sweeney in the 'get.' A  
few years ago Controller Richard B. Sweeney was  
a poor tale clerk in one of the banks in New York  
city, what he owns, in connection with his wife, you can  
easily see. He was afterwards 'sounded by' Thirty-third  
Broadway and Thirty-fourth st., was apparently first  
chased by Hugh Smith, but subsequently Peter  
Sweeney leaped up as a part owner of it, just as he con-  
tinued to the surface frequently in many other ways  
in other places. The fact that a part of the prop-  
erty is leased to the City for the armory of the  
Regiment has already been published. I firmly  
believe that if all the tricks of these men were  
known—the manner in which they are imposing up-  
on the people of this city—they could not live here at home.  
It is unmistakably shown by this record that these  
leading Tammany politicians have acquired their  
years this immense property, and it is not possible that  
have had no City nor County Controller's reports for

Still another phase of the Broadway widening has been publicly developed. It seems that there are certain men, believed to be good citizens, who "professionally" examine property, and particularly "fix" the value of it, in order to "get" the money that there is in it. For anything the affidavit may contain, they are responsible for their trouble in making the "professional" examination. In affidavits, based upon these professional examinations, were received by the Commissioners of Estimation and Assessment. The action of the Commissioner in enhancing the awards, it is now asserted, was based on the "valuations" in the affidavits. The Commissioners claim to have purposely done so, wrong, because they have the affidavits to produce, except perhaps those that may be missing. The professional examiners meditate no injury, and if their opinions have proved errors, according to what some of them say, they have acted on their faithfulness and not corruptly. However, the expenditure of the opinions, it is now asserted, has been two or three times as great as \$100 and \$150.

The President of the West Side Association acted as the counsel of R. T. Ford, after Mr. Ford had been approached by the city officials, and he declined to leave the city without anything whatever to do with them. Mr. Martin succeeded in getting the award fixed at \$140,000, but Mr. Ford was to receive only fifty per cent of the award, the balance was to go to the city "as an arrangement." The property is a lot that part of the line from Forty-fourth to Forty-fifth streets, and the area is 34,000 square feet, of which the widening consumes 5,000. There are some lots between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets owned by the city, and the widening consumes 10,000 square feet of them. According to the amount of the award that the Pollins received, each lot, 25,000, would be worth \$160,340. At this rate Mr. Ford's award should have been about \$140,000.

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